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House Human Services and Housing Committee 900 Court St. NE Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Chair Keny-Guyer and Committee Members,

Multifamily NW is committed to promoting affordable housing and supports smart strategies to further incentivize the development of affordable housing. Our members represent over 25,000 units of affordable housing across Oregon. and over 150,000 units of *all* housing types across Oregon and SW Washington.

Multifamily NW supports financial tools that make it feasible to grow Oregon's supply of affordable housing. HB 2622 does just that by more than doubling the total amount of tax credits the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department can allocate to affordable housing lenders. This is why we additionally support HJR 17, which asks the voters to amend the Oregon Constitution to increase the financing options for affordable multifamily housing development.

Last, Multifamily NW supports HB 2442, creating the Oregon Housing Stability Council and the other housing-centric reforms to Oregon's largest housing agency.

Sincerely,

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